IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.971 OF 2007

Asian Electronics Ltd. & Anr. .. Petitioners.
Vs.
The State of Maharashtra & Ors. .. Respondents.

Mr.Adik Shirodkar, Mr.Mukul Taly with Mr.Prakash Naik for the petitioners.
Mr.A.S.Gadkari APP for respondent nos.1 and 2.
Ms.Deepa Chavan for respondent no.3.

CORAM : SMT.RANJANA DESAI &
D.B.BHOSALE, JJ.
DATED : 12TH JUNE, 2007.

P.C.:

. The petitioner's basic prayer is that the F.I.R. registered with Loni Kalbhor police station, Pune vide C.R.No.139/2007 be quashed and set aside. We have heard Mr.Shirodkar, learned senior counsel for the petitioners at great length. We have heard Ms.Chavan, learned counsel for respondent no.3 and Mr.Gadkari, learned A.P.P. appearing for the State. Admittedly, the instant C.R. was registered on 24.4.07. Investigation is going on. Having perused the complaint which is annexed to the petition at Exhibit-G we are of the opinion that the prayers made in the petition cannot be granted.

2. We are informed by Mr.Shirodkar, learned senior counsel that anticipatory bail application

filed by the petitioners in C.R.No.139/2007 is pending before the Sessions Court at Pune. It is to be heard on 16.6.07. That application may be disposed of by the Sessions Court in accordance with law. Interim protection granted by this court on 21.5.07 and which was continued on 23.5.07 shall continue to operate till 16.6.07. We make it clear that we have not continued this protection after considering the merits of the case and whether to continue the same or not or whether to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners or not shall be decided by the learned Judge, who is seized of the matter independently and without in any way being influenced by this court's order dated 21.5.07 and continuation of the protection granted under the said order by us till 16.10.07.

3. So far as prayer (c) of the petition is concerned, the learned A.P.P. on instructions from the concerned officer states that so far 25 cases apart from C.R.No.139/2007 have been registered against the petitioners at various police stations. The learned A.P.P. states that so far as those 25 cases registered against the petitioners are concerned, the police shall give 72 hours notice in writing to the petitioners at registered office of the 1st petitioner as mentioned in cause title of the

petition if the police intend to arrest the petitioners. Even notice to the 2nd petitioner will be served on the office address of the 1st petitioner-company as stated in the cause title. Mr.Shirodkar states that no objection will be raised that notice is not served on the address of 2nd petitioner mentioned in the cause title of the petition. The writ petition is disposed of with above directions.

(SMT.RANJANA DESAI, J.)

(D.B.BHOSALE, J.)